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Washington, DC
20250

Please Note:

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.

FV-307

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: April 21, 2006

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 027

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1:00 p.m., Central time, Friday, May 5, 2006**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, May 19, 2006. Deliveries are to be made from July 16, 2006 through September 30, 2006.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

Dried Cherries

8/2 lb.

72,072 cases

Please Note:

- The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2005 or later crop year.
- All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.
- All invitations with orders for the state of New York, must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (**). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.
- No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.
- On "BKLYN/CEN ISLIP NY" destinations, shippers are instructed to call the contact person on the Notice to Deliver first prior to making an appointment, so that they can be directed to which warehouse they will ship the product.



- Manufacturer's own commercially packaged and labeled product is acceptable as long as it meets all of the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration and contains an identification code that allows for traceability of the product.

Note: Effective August 1, 2005, Contractors are required to submit Annual Representations and Certifications via the Online Representation and Certifications Application (ORCA), a part of Business Partner Network (BPN). The internet address for registering in ORCA is <http://orca.bpn.gov>. The representations and certifications are effective until one year from the date of submission or update to ORCA. A revised abbreviated Appendix 1 dated August 2005 will be required for contractors registering via the ORCA system. A notice to the trade regarding this requirement was issued on June 28, 2005 at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/cp/tradenotices.htm>

However, Contractors who have previously (prior to August 1, 2005) submitted the Appendix 1 for calendar year 2005 will be relieved from the ORCA online registration until the expiration of their Appendix 1.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 2004 or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-307, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV307
 INVITATION : 027
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED
 COMM TYPE : 70 CHERRIES, DRIED
 PACK SIZE : 10 8/2 LB

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
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DELIVERY PERIOD 07/16/06 - 07/31/06					
001	BLOOMFIELD	CT	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	BOSTON	MA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
002	BRONX	NY	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____ **
003	DELAWARE CITY	DE	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	WASHINGTON	DC	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
004	ATLANTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
005	CREEDMOOR	NC	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
006	CHATTANOOGA	TN	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	KNOXVILLE	TN	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
007	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
008	BATTLE CREEK	MI	TRUCK ONLY	616	_____
	FLINT	MI	TRUCK ONLY	616	_____
	LANSING	MI	TRUCK ONLY	616	_____
009	LITTLE ROCK	AR	TRUCK ONLY	1,448	_____ *
	NORFORK	AR	TRUCK ONLY	400	_____
010	DENVER	CO	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____
	LONGMONT	CO	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____
	PUEBLO WEST	CO	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
011	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	DES MOINES	IA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
012	PORTLAND	OR	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____

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DELIVERY PERIOD 08/01/06 - 08/15/06					
013	HILLSIDE	NJ	TRUCK ONLY	1,014	_____
	VINELAND	NJ		834	
014	LORTON	VA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	924	
015	JACKSON	MS	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
016	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
017	SURPRISE	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 08/16/06 - 08/31/06					
018	MAPLEWOOD	MN	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
019	ODESSA	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
020	TYLER	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/01/06 - 09/15/06					
021	AUGUSTA	ME	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	CONCORD	NH	TRUCK ONLY	924	
022	BARRE	VT	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	CRANSTON	RI	TRUCK ONLY	924	
023	BIRMINGHAM	AL	TRUCK ONLY	982	_____
	MONTGOMERY	AL	TRUCK ONLY	542	
	THEODORE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	324	

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024	HOMESTEAD	FL	TRUCK ONLY	699	
	NORTH MIAMI	FL	TRUCK ONLY	681	
	WINTER HAVEN	FL		468	
025	PACE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	462	
	TALLAHASSEE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	462	
	WINTER HAVEN	FL		924	
026	FAIRFIELD	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	
027	BATON ROUGE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	333	
	MONROE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	554	
	NEW ORLEANS	LA	TRUCK ONLY	961	
028	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	
029	COLUMBIA	MO	TRUCK ONLY	400	
	KANSAS CITY	MO	TRUCK ONLY	523	
	ST LOUIS	MO	TRUCK ONLY	925	
030	OLYMPIA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	1,203	
	SEATTLE	WA	TRUCK ONLY	430	
	TACOMA	WA	TRUCK ONLY	215	
DELIVERY PERIOD 09/16/06 - 09/30/06					
031	BALTIMORE	MD	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	
032	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924	
	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924	
033	CHARLESTON	WV		1,848	

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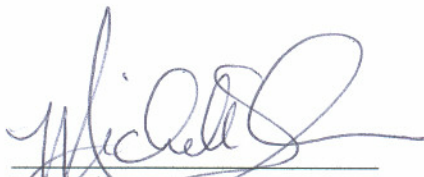
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034	DARIEN	WI	TRUCK ONLY	715	
	EAU CLAIRE	WI		666	
	MILWAUKEE	WI	TRUCK ONLY	467	
035	FORT WORTH	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	
036	SACRAMENTO	CA	TRUCK ONLY	7,392	

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 72,072

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 Commodity Procurement Branch
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